GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production, demand and sale of coal in terms of quantum and value during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the import of coal is increasing evt year;

(c) if so, the quantum of coal likely to be import during the current year and the expenditure likely to incurred on it; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken during Tenth Plan period to curtail import of coal and becor self-reliant in the production of coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) the details of annual production, demand, despatch and val of coal during the years 2002-03 to 2004-05 is giv below:

(in million tonne)

Year	All india coal demand as per planning commission projections	Production of coal	Despatch of coal	Value (Rs. in crore)
2002-03	365.98	341.27	340.09	24187.39
2003-04	380.91	361.15	359.22	25887.73
2004-05 (Provisional)	414.82	382.83	377.42	27907.93

(b) The trend in imports during the iast five years indicates that the quantum of import remained in the range of 22-25 million tonnes.

(c) import of coal during the current year is expected to be about 35 million tonnes. Expenditure cannot be estimated due to volatility in international market.

(d) Coal India Limited has taken up the following steps to reduce the gap between demand and indigenous suppiy:

(i) 99 new projects are proposed to be taken up during Tenth Plan.

(ii) Allotment of coal blocks to end users for captive mining.

(iii) Improvement in equipment utilization.

(iv) Mechanization/modernization of existing mines.